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§1-306.

- (a) The Board shall coordinate the enhancement of county 9-1-1 systems.
- (b) The Board's responsibilities include:
  - (1) establishing planning guidelines for enhanced 9-1-1 system plans and deployment of wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service in accordance with this subtitle;
  - (2) establishing procedures to review and approve or disapprove county plans and to evaluate requests for variations from the planning guidelines established by the Board;
  - (3) establishing procedures for the request for reimbursement of the costs of enhancing a 9-1-1 system by a county or counties in which a 9-1-1 system is in operation, and procedures to review and approve or disapprove the request;
  - (4) transmitting the planning guidelines and procedures established under this section, and any amendments to them, to the governing body of each county;
  - (5) submitting to the Secretary each year a schedule for implementing the enhancement of county or multicounty 9-1-1 systems, and an estimate of funding requirements based on the approved county plans;
  - (6) developing, with input from counties, and publishing on or before July 1, 2004, an implementation schedule for deployment of wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service;
  - (7) reviewing and approving or disapproving requests for reimbursement of the costs of enhancing 9-1-1 systems, and submitting to the Secretary each year a schedule for reimbursement and an estimate of funding requirements;
  - (8) reviewing the enhancement of 9-1-1 systems;
  - (9) providing for an audit of county expenditures for the operation and maintenance of 9-1-1 systems;

(10) ensuring inspections of public safety answering points;

(11) reviewing and approving or disapproving requests from counties with operational enhanced 9–1–1 systems to be exempted from the expenditure limitations under § 1–312 of this subtitle;

(12) authorizing expenditures from the 9–1–1 Trust Fund that:

(i) are for enhancements of 9–1–1 systems that:

1. are required by the Board;
2. will be provided to a county by a third party contractor; and
3. will incur costs that the Board has approved before the formation of a contract between the county and the contractor; and

(ii) are approved by the Board for payment:

1. from money collected under § 1–310 of this subtitle; and
2. directly to a third party contractor on behalf of a county; and

(13) establishing planning guidelines for next generation 9–1–1 services system plans and deployment of next generation 9–1–1 services in accordance with this subtitle.

(c) The guidelines established by the Board under subsection (b)(1) and (13) of this section:

(1) shall be based on available technology and equipment; and

(2) may be based on any other factor that the Board determines is appropriate, including population and area served by 9–1–1 systems.

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